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FOR: SYSTEM FOR INTERCONNECTING STANDARD TELEPHONY
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORKS

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication of November 13, 2001, kindly enter the following remarks.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant is filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) herewith to continue the prosecution of this matter. In response to the Office Communication of November 13, 2001, asserting the non-responsiveness of the Amendment filed on June 6, 2000, Applicant hereby elects the invention as claimed in claims 9-12 of the above-identified Amendment. It is believed that claims 9-12 of the above-identified Amendment have been entered in this application but withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a constructively non-elected invention. If these claims have not been entered, Applicant hereby requests that the Amendment of June 6, 2000, be entered and the merits of these